**Windsurfing success FreeWave TeXtreme continues**

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Fanatic Windsurfing recently released their latest board range and among them are also this year the high-performance premium board FreeWave TeXtreme. The FreeWave TeXtreme have benefited from the weight savings and exceptional mechanical properties that comes from usage of TeXtreme® Spread Tow Fabrics.

The Fanatic team led by product engineer Jürgen May collaborated with Oxeon’s material development department to find the best suitable reinforcement. After discussing the requirements and mechanical properties desired, the optimal TeXtreme® variant was an unbalanced fabric that provides extreme stiffness in one direction.

“Through the cooperation with Oxeon and the flexibility of TeXtreme® we have come up with the optimized reinforcement for a windsurfing board. Utilizing this unbalanced TeXtreme® carbon fabric gives an ultra light board with great features for the riders”, says Jürgen May, Product Engineer of Fanatic.

The FreeWave TeXtreme board was highly successful when it was introduced last year in one size (95L) and this year’s improved version is available on the market in three different sizes: 85, 95 & 105.

“We are pleased to see that TeXtreme® is getting renewed confidence in reinforcing the premium boards and contributing to the making of high-quality composite products. To make a really light board that still meets the performance demands on a high-performance board, TeXtreme® is becoming the natural choice. The flexibility to use unbalanced fabrics and other TeXtreme® variants are also greatly appreciated among our customers”, says Andreas Martsman, Vice President of Oxeon.

TeXtreme® Spread Tow Reinforcements are using spread tows to produce optimized reinforcements for ultra light composites. Spreading tows (yarns) into very thin tapes enables reinforcements in woven structure as well as unidirectional tapes with mechanical performance and possibility for weight savings that are unique compared to conventional reinforcements.

**About Oxeon**

Founded 2003 in Sweden, Oxeon has quickly established itself as the market leader in Spread Tow Reinforcements. Use of these spread tow carbon reinforcements increases the mechanical performance of composite material products and reduces the weight. Utilization of Oxeon’s TeXtreme® Spread Tow Fabrics and TeXtreme® Spread Tow Tapes by manufacturers of advanced aerospace, automotive, industrial and sports products in applications that have critical material performance requirements has affirmed the significance of Oxeon’s ultra light materials.

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